taken shelter in Tripura;

(b) whether there was any discussion between both the Governments regarding taking back of the refugees by the Bangladesh Government; and

(c) if so, what progress has been made in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) As per information received from the Government of Tripura, 48,938 Chakma tribal refugees have entered into Tripura upto 6.4.1987.

(b) and (c) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time. As a result thereof as agreed to by Bangladesh, the repatriation of refugees was to start from 15th January, 1987. However, the repatriation could not take place as the refugees refused to go back to Bangladesh in view of the continuing influx of refugees amongst whom some were in injured state and the conditions on the other side of the border. The Government has again taken up the matter with Bangladesh for their repatriation and for creating conditions conducive for the return of refugees.

Sealing of border with Bangladesh to check influx of refugees

470. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seal the border with Bangladesh to check influx of refugees from that country;

(b) whether Government are planning to construct roads along the border with the country to check influx of refugees;

(c) whether more BSF camps are likely to be set up along the border for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Border Security Force guarding the Indo-Bangladesh border is on constant vigil. In order to reduce the distance between border out-posts and to increase vigilance on the border for prevention of infiltration and influx of refugees, the Government of India have sanctioned 29 additional battalions of BSF with necessary infrastructure for Indo-Bangladesh border to be raised in a period of five years.

(b) Yes, Sir. Border roads are being constructed to check infiltration.

(c) and (d) 180 additional border out-posts and 1333 additional observation post towers will be established/constructed by BSF during the five year period.

Rules Governing the Service Conditions and Seniority of the staff of D.T.D.C.

471. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no service rules in the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Administration Seniority Rules, 1985 are followed in Delhi Tourism Development Corporation for fixing the seniority of the staff;

(c) whether any final/tentative seniority list has ever been issued; and